

issue, organised by Dr. Pratt, in Boston, in 1905, and which has met with so much success.

The aim of the Class was to secure to poor patients all the advantages of Sanatorium treatment, while allowing them to remain at home, and in some cases to continue work. All patients had to attend the Class held once a week, to bring a carefully written out account of their daily doings for the doctor's inspection and criticism, and to make arrangements to sleep alone, remaining in the fresh air day and night. The co-operation of a friendly visitor to help to get these requirements carried out in the homes was secured, and the weekly talks with the doctor and the fellow members of the Class, and the visits of the Friendly Visitor were found to stimulate and cheer the patients to an unexpected extent.

Dr. Andrews' experience with a Tuberculosis Class organised on Dr. Pratt's lines, confirms the opinion expressed by Professor Osler and others that this method is of real value in dealing with cases of phthisis among our poorer population.

The Women's National Health Association of Ireland has also reprinted a paper, read by Dr. Myer Solis Cohen before a meeting of the Philadelphia County Medical Society, on "Some New Features in the Class Method of Treating Tuberculosis." Dr. Cohen describes the method he employs in connection with the tuberculosis class of the Medical Dispensary of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

It is, he says, in the management of the first hour, that the University of Pennsylvania Hospital Tuberculosis Class differs from all other classes. The talks of the instructor teach not only the management of the disease but its prevention as well. The instruction given in these classes must be very thorough, and Dr. Cohen records that a patient who was operated on for hæmorrhoids in one of the general hospitals had to teach the nurses there how to keep her dishes separate, and how to prevent her from becoming a source of danger to the other patients.

The Caird Nursing Home, the Home of the Sick Poor Nursing Society, Dundee, is to be removed from Park Place to 41, Magdalene Yard Road. Mr. J. H. Martin, who presided at the meeting when this decision was arrived at, said that when fully completed and equipped the Home would be one of the best in the United Kingdom. It would be really an ideal home and resting place for the Queen's Jubilee Nurses, who were an asset in their city life.

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The King has become Patron of the British Orphan Asylum, Slough.

The National Social Purity Crusade will in the future be known as the National Council of Public Morals, a title which is more in keeping with the comprehensive educational character of the work. The King has accepted a copy of "The Nation's Morals," the report of the Conference held in London last July. His Majesty's message to the Convocation of York—"The foundations of national glory are set in the homes of the people. They will only remain unshaken while the family life of our nation is strong, simple, and pure"—will for the future be the motto of the National Council of Public Morals.

Last week Mr. R. J. Gilbert, who for 30 years has been Secretary-Superintendent of the West London Hospital, was, in the Board Room, presented by the Duke of Abercorn, the President, with an illuminated address and testimonial, consisting of a cheque for £58 17s., on behalf of the members of the Board and visiting medical staff, in appreciation of his long and faithful services to the institution. The Duke of Abercorn said it was with sorrow that they had to part with a gentleman whose name would remain for many years in the grateful memory of those with whom he had worked for the welfare of the patients and the hospital. In returning thanks Mr. R. J. Gilbert said it was with the greatest gratification that he had received this beautiful and valuable testimonial at the hands of his Grace. It was one that he should look with pride upon for the rest of his days.

The Italian Ambassador, accompanied by the Marchesa Imperiali, will open on Saturday, January 7th, an addition which has just been made to the Italian Hospital in Queen Square, Bloomsbury. The cost of the work has been defrayed by Mme. Angiola Ortelli, "prompted"—as a commemorative tablet will record—"by her devotion to complete the ideal of her deceased husband, John Ortelli, for his poor and suffering compatriots."

The General Hospital, Nottingham, is one of the best equipped institutions in the kingdom, but there is just one more department which requires extension and improvement, and that is the Out-patient Department. The Nottingham Saturday Committee are considering the question, and we hope the suggestion lately made by Mr. Acton, that the Committee would undertake the movement towards providing an efficient outpatient department will receive hearty support, and that Nottingham in this particular may soon rival its neighbour, Leicester.

Mrs. G. F. Moss, of Boscombe, has bequeathed the residue of her estate, which will apparently amount to about £15,000, to the Bolingbroke Hospital, Wandsworth Common.

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